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Reply to Restriction Requirement of March 6, 2007

subclass 100, claims 7-10 (Group II) are drawn to a sealing material in combination with an automobile engine oil pan, classified in class 525, subclass 106, and claims 15-19 and 32 (Group III) drawn to sealing material in combination with an automobile wire harness, classified in claim 535, subclass 101.

In response to the Restriction Requirement applicants hereby elect to have claims 15-19 and 32 (Group III) examined in the present application.

Applicants preserve their right to seek patent protection for the subject matter of the non-elected claims by filing one or more divisional applications during the pendency of the present application.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Restriction Requirement.

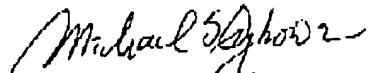
If upon consideration of the above, the Examiner should feel that there remain outstanding issues in the present application that could be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' patent counsel at the telephone number given below to discuss such issues.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 is hereby made. Please charge the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of

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time fees, to Deposit Account No. 12-2136 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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